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NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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PALMER "PENTHOUSE"

Looking up from outside, the Francis Street end of Palmer VI resembles a modern penthouse. The interior is even more impressive. Over 1800 square feet have been added to the top floor, all of which has been renovated. Laboratories have been completed and new equipment has been installed. Palmer VI, a welcome addition to the Department of Laboratories, is under the direction of Dr. William A. Meissner, Pathologist-in-Chief and Director of Laboratories.

The largest room is used by the Blood Bank where cross matching and typing is done and blood stored in three refrigerators designed for this purpose. Next door is the donor room and recovery area. A combination waiting room for donors and classroom with facilities to show films is adjacent.

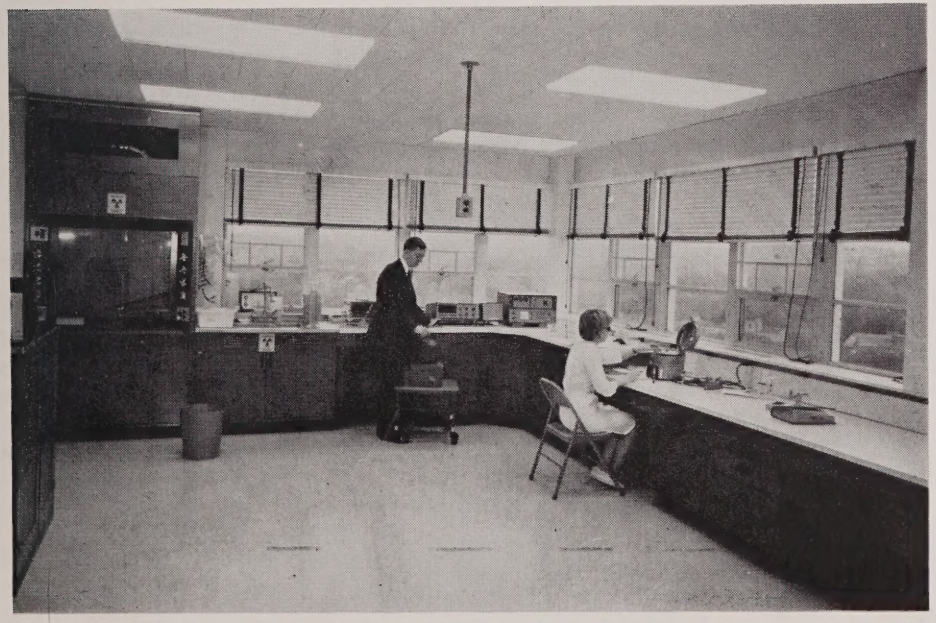
Dr. Harold B. Kenton, who is in charge of the Blood Bank and Bacteriology, has an office in this area as does his secretary, Miss Hazel H. Williams.

Electrocardiograph and Basal Metabolism room is across the hall and next to it an area where the findings can be read and evaluated.

Perhaps the most impressive part of the addition is the Isotope Laboratory; not only because of equipment such as a stainless steel sink, designed and constructed to pour off radioactive material, but also because of the magnificent view of the surrounding area. Located nearby are an Organ Scanning room and the office of Dr. Albert E. Anderson, Assistant to Dr. Bradley E. Copeland, Associate Pathologist.

There is a Coagulation Laboratory where special coagulation studies are made; two Histology Laboratories, a Fluorescent Microscopy room, designed for microscopic examinations using ultra violet light; an Immunology and Serology Laboratory; a Dark Room; an office for two Clinical Pathology Residents; and a locker room for nurses and technicians.

ISOTOPE LABORATORY



Shown working in the new Isotope Laboratory are Dr. Albert E. Anderson, Assistant to Dr. Bradley E. Copeland, Associate Pathologist, and Mrs. Anne K. Usseglio, Isotope Technician.

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE ENLARGED

Beginning in April the Suggestion Committee of the Hospital took new direction and has been meeting with renewed enthusiasm as it plans ahead. Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Director, feeling the importance of the Committee in its link to the total Hospital responsibility of patient care, has enlarged the Committee so that there will be rotation of its membership. The organization now provides for a six member committee with rotation of two members each year, which will report its action and recommendations to the Administration regularly.

Mr. Milton B. Nelson and Mrs. Priscilla H. Tinkham will continue on the committee for a one year term, Miss E. Louise Seymour and Miss Johanna E. Dwyer will continue to serve for a term of two years, and new members, Mr. W. Dean Holdeman and Mr. Clayton W. Kenney, have been appointed for three years.

At its first organizational meeting, Mr. Nelson, who has had a valuable past service, was elected chairman. Also with previous effective experience, Mrs. Tinkham was selected as Committee secretary.

Mr. Nelson has indicated that the Committee plans to make several improvements in its procedures and will attempt to find ways for more helpful participation by all personnel. The "Ben Thinkin" forms will continue to be available outside the Cafeteria. In using them, he urges each Hospital employee to give careful thought to ideas which will bring improved patient care and worthwhile changes to the continued high standards of New England Deaconess.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM ORGANIZED

The men's softball team at the New England Deaconess Hospital will have competition this year from not one, but several girls' softball teams, formed since the middle of May. Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Director, heard about the project and authorized the purchase of nec-

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DR. AND MRS. PATEL HERE FROM INDIA

The pretty little lady in the sari is Mrs. Uma D. Patel, who works as a technician in the Pathology Laboratory at New England Deaconess Hospital. Mrs. Patel holds a Master of Science Degree in Nutrition (M.Sc. Nutrition). She and her husband, Dr. Devendra D. Patel, came to Boston last year via London from their home in Ahmedabad, Gugarat, India, near Bombay.

Dr. Patel, primarily a surgeon, is engaged in research in kidney transplantation and cancer at the Lahey Clinic Foundation, Inc., under Dr. Elton Watkins, Jr.

The couple went to London in 1960 in order that Dr. Patel might study to become a Fellow in the Royal College of Surgeons. While he was completing his work Mrs. Patel became associated with the Nutrition Department of Queen Elizabeth College and later was employed in the Human Nutrition Department of the Medical Research Council in London.

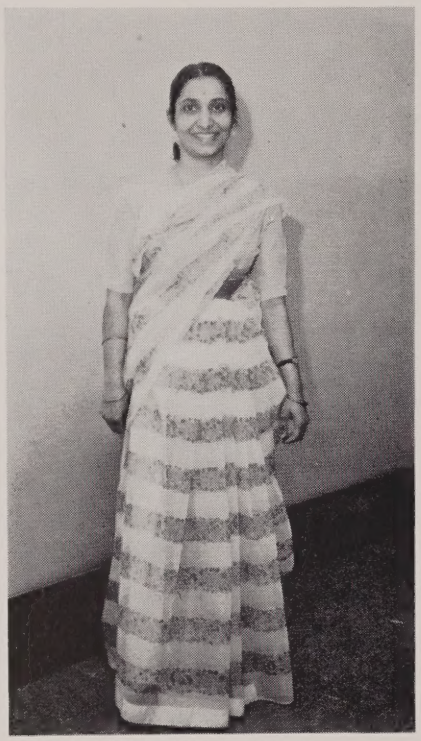
Before coming to the United States the Patels decided to send their six year old son, Malay, to his maternal grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Motibhai D. Patel, so that he could continue his education in India rather than here because our system differs from the one in India where he will live.

Mrs. Patel's maiden name and married name are the same. When questioned about this she reported that it is not unusual because "Patel in India is like Smith in America." She makes her own saris using from 5 to 6 yards of nylon. Other than some pleats at the waist in front and some hemming there is no sewing involved. The effect comes from knowing how to drape the material correctly.

Mrs. Patel feels strongly about observing some of the traditions of her country. Notice the bangle bracelets that she wears . . . one gold, one glass. This signifies the fact that she is married, as does the red dot on her forehead, applied daily from a jar of special powder.

Asked about any differences she noticed in the people of India, England, and America, Mrs. Patel replied that here the "people are friendly as they are at home. In England they are a little more reserved. I believe there is more opportunity for advancement here. At home, even though you may be qualified, it is difficult to get a position as there are just not enough jobs to go around. I am impressed by how hard you work. Many shops are open at night. You never see that in India and seldom in England. Maybe that is why you are so prosperous!"

Dr. and Mrs. Patel will remain in Boston at least until August. When they return home Dr. Patel plans to go into private practice and Mrs. Patel will continue to work, possibly at Balabhai Damoderdas College in Ahmedabad as a lecturer on nutrition, a post she held before leaving India.



MRS. UMA D. PATEL

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT AWARDED

Seven new names have been added to the list of members of the Friends of the Deaconess who have passed the 1000 hour mark in volunteer service. They are: Mrs. Lawrence P. Dakin, Thrift Shop; Mrs. Gordon F. Fullerton, Thrift Shop; Mrs. Elmer E. Hinton, Coffee Shop; Mrs. David S. Kelley, Coffee Shop; Mrs. S. St. John Morgan, Thrift Shop; Mrs. Charlesworth K. Neilson, Thrift Shop; and Mrs. Ralph I. Schoonmaker, Coffee Shop.

Giving one day a week, the women worked an average of six years to accumulate 1000 hours. Each of them is pleased to volunteer her time and all conclude that, "It is a happy experience from the start. We are fond of the Deaconess, thoroughly enjoy our work and are happy to meet the wonderful people here."

The "Friends" received Certificates of Merit signed by Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Director, and Mr. Laurens MacClure, President of the New England Deaconess Hospital.

LINDA J. MITCHELL MEMORIAL FUND STARTED

Miss Iva I. Shoff, a member of the 1964 School of Nursing class, had an inspiration shortly after her classmate, Miss Linda Joyce Mitchell died on last March 23. She said, "It would be nice to do something in Linda's memory that she would have liked. Student nurses sometimes need financial assistance, so perhaps we could establish a loan fund."

She sent letters to her classmates telling them of her idea. Contributions were received, not only from the class, but from other nurses and instructors who had heard about the fund. Now the Linda J. Mitchell Memorial Fund has been established by the Class of 1964, whereby one, or possibly more, student nurses may borrow money to be paid back after graduation.

Miss Shoff, a staff nurse, is concerned only with establishing the Fund. Contributions may be sent to her at 69 Copley Street, Wollaston, Mass. 02170.

Miss Ellen D. Howland, Director of Nursing, will determine the students who are eligible.

MRS. LOUISE H. WALKER RETIRES

After thirty years' service, Mrs. Louise H. Walker retired this spring from her position as Special Diet Cook. Because Mrs. Walker was hospitalized this winter, her retirement could not be marked by a hospital party to honor this event. However, a Paul Revere bowl was presented to her by the hospital recently at her home in appreciation of the many years of loyal service she had given.

Mrs. Walker is living with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald J. Lorden, and their three children. She is feeling better and is finding particular happiness there. Her grandchildren — two girls and one boy — make her life especially interesting as they share their interests with her.

Five St. James Avenue, Somerville, is Mrs. Walker's new address. She would be pleased to hear from her many friends and associates. The Trustees and the Administration of the New England Deaconess Hospital wish her well as she enjoys the pleasure of her much-deserved leisure time.

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To produce a drug tranquilizer, the manufacturer must use 114 separate operations plus 138 tests. The process requires 31 different raw materials and takes 24 days to complete.

Service Award Dinner

More than 300 guests attended the annual Service Award Dinner given by the New England Deaconess Hospital on April 28 at the 1200 Beacon Street Hotel. Mr. Laurens MacClure, President of the New England Deaconess Hospital, extended greetings of the Trustees. Mr. W. Dean Holdeman, Personnel Director, was introduced and Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Director, spoke of the future of the hospital. He awarded the service pins which are as follows: 5 years, silver with blue enamel; 10 years, gold with green enamel; 15 years, gold with red enamel; 20 years, gold; 25 years, gold with diamond; 30 years, gold with ruby; 35 years, gold with sapphire.

UPPER LEFT

FIVE YEAR GROUP

Front row (left to right): Salvatore Amodeo, Mrs. Carrie K. Belyea, Mrs. Clara M. Barker, Mrs. Selma F. Berman, Mrs. Margaret Blackshaw, Mrs. Helen L. Clarke and Mr. R. D. Lowry. Back row (l to r): Mr. Herbert E. Anderson, Mr. Raymond C. Bentley, Mr. Henry Billings, Mr. Charles W. Buzzell, Mr. David M. Colleran and Mr. Joseph H. Castles.

UPPER RIGHT

FIVE YEAR GROUP

Front row (left to right): Mrs. Judith M. Ship, Mrs. Ruth E. Sentner, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Shapiro, Miss Marie C. Sullivan, Mrs. Margaret H. Wilson and Mr. R. D. Lowry. Back row (l to r): Mr. Nelson N. Payne, Miss Mary R. Radovich, Mr. Robert Smith, Mr. Robert L. Sterns and Mr. Henry C. Winslow.

LOWER RIGHT

FIVE YEAR GROUP

Front row (left to right): Mrs. Margaret C. Kane, Mrs. Hattie M. Crossling, Miss Victoria T. Derlugian, Mrs. Lillian G. Dragon, Miss Mary June Forbes, Miss Margaret Hart and Miss Mary T. Hennessey. Back row (l to r): Mr. Richard E. Lee, Mr. Kevin M. Flatley, Mr. John R. Johnston, Mr. Thomas E. LeBeau, Mr. Allie V. Lindquist and Mr. R. D. Lowry.

LOWER LEFT

TEN YEAR GROUP

Front row (left to right): Mrs. Emma A. Neenan, Mrs. Idella Houston, Mrs. Marion M. Burke, Mrs. Beulah Benson, Mrs. Kathleen V. Charron, Miss Parthenia A. Cofield, Mrs. Esther L. Gade, Miss Mabel J. Spragg, Mrs. Grace G. LeBrun and Mrs. Jean E. Tatten. Back row (l to r): Miss Florence A. McCarthy, Miss Rose J. Kozlowski, Miss Vera K. Russell, Mr. Ralph A. DeBernardo, Mr. Edgar N. Fairweather, Mr. Theodore A. Gallant, Mr. Lemuel M. Jones and Mr. R. D. Lowry.

Entertainment was furnished by Miss June Karr, memory expert, who opened her performance by naming many of the guests, though she had met them but briefly. She displayed various feats of memory by association and gained audience participation. Music was provided by Richard Martin and his orchestra.

UPPER LEFT

FIFTEEN YEAR GROUP

Front row (left to right): Chaplain Rudolph L. Samuelson, Miss Gladys E. Stockwell, Mrs. Mary G. Irving, Miss Dorothy E. Hancock and Mrs. Sarah E. Tompkins. Back row (l to r): Mr. Eulan P. Cameron, Mr. W. Clifford Fisher, Mr. John C. Graves and Mr. R. D. Lowry.

UPPER RIGHT

TWENTY YEAR GROUP

Left to right: Miss Ellen Adams, Mr. Walter C. Emery, Mrs. Harriett Regan and Mr. R. D. Lowry.

LOWER RIGHT

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR GROUP

Left to right: Mrs. Catherine G. Greenlaw, Miss Lila M. Anderson, Miss O. Virginia Diggdon and Mr. R. D. Lowry.

LOWER LEFT

TOP AWARD WINNERS

Left to right: Mr. Henry S. Rogerson, Treasurer, 30 years; Miss Isabel Smith, 35 years; Miss Rita Dennehy, 40 years; and Mr. R. D. Lowry.

Meet . . .

Mr. James A. Baker, Orderly, Department of Surgery, is one of the many fine people at the New England Deaconess Hospital.

Mr. Baker likes his work and knows how to relax an apprehensive patient. He understands what is meant when a doctor says, "Jim, a little oral anesthesia, please."

When he started in October 1952, Surgery was located both in the Deaconess and Palmer Buildings before it was moved to Central IV and V. "I have seen much progress made. I remember when oxygen was not piped in, and we had to bring the cylinders up from the outside court. Now our manifold oxygen supply is the best that can be had."

JAMES A. BAKER

Compulsory retirement came for Mr. Baker in 1958. Mr. Baker is reticent talking about the fact that he is allowed, under the law, to take only a certain amount of money and still receive his Social Security payments. He has solved the problem in an unusual way. He is employed until he has earned all he can. "I will work full time, I hope, for many years to come," he reports. Then, in the same job with the same hours, he volunteers his time. He estimates he gives from 1200 to 1500 hours to the hospital annually.

In addition to his work, Mr. Baker spends many hours at his hobby — photography. One of his latest achievements is a film showing a grove of trees on Francis Street and the step by step process leading to the completion of the Medical Office Building and garage.

He served in both World Wars and is an original member of the first American Legion Post in Massachusetts, Post #1 in New Bedford, the emblem of which he wears in his lapel.

Mr. Baker lives in Brookline during the week and goes home to New Bedford on weekends and holidays. He has five children and fourteen grandchildren.

CANDY STRIPERS RETURN

Being fitted for their cheery, red and white candy stripe uniforms by Mrs. Irma A. Kellner, Director of Volunteers, are (l to r): Miss Paula J. Gilbert, Miss Karen L. Silverstein, Mrs. Kellner, Miss Ellen R. Sivack, Miss Marsha R. Idelson, and Miss Barbara A. Goldberg. More than 60 teenagers will participate in the summer volunteer program. All participated in an orientation course and received instructions from Mrs. Kellner.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Engaged . . .

Miss Jane H. Pulsifer, staff nurse and graduate of the New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, to Lt. Jerome W. Klasmeier, United States Army, stationed at Fort Devens, Ayer, Mass. The wedding will be on September 26, after which they will live in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Liwayway Lansigan Manalo, Resident in Anesthesia at the New England Deaconess Hospital, to Mr. Thomas Varley of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. A September wedding is planned.

Head of Purchasing Honored

Mr. W. Clifford Fisher, Purchasing Agent of the New England Deaconess Hospital, has been elected to a two year term on the Board of Directors of the New England Purchasing Agents Association. Mr. Fisher has been a member of the NEPAA since 1959 and served in various capacities during that time.

Twenty-Fifth Reunion

June tenth marked the twenty-fifth reunion for the members of the Class of 1940 of the School of Nursing.

They met at Harris Hall, then had a Dutch Treat Luncheon in the Cafeteria, followed by a service in the Aruthr T. Dooley Memorial Chapel, conducted by Chaplain Rudolph L. Samuelson. At one o'clock Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Director, and Miss Ellen D. Howland, Director of Nursing, discussed changes in the Hospital and in the School of Nursing. A tour of the buildings followed.

Invitations were sent to former faculty members and friends to attend a tea in Harris Hall beginning at 4:00 p.m. Festivities concluded with a dinner at the 1200 Beacon Street Hotel.

Reunion arrangements were made by Mrs. Charles Capon (Mabel Horton), Mrs. Charles W. Carlson (Frances Ryder Kendrick) and Miss Virginia Diggdon. Mrs. Capon is employed part time by the New England Deaconess Hospital and Miss Diggdon is Infirmarian for the School of Nursing.

The schedule for other class reunions is as follows:

Class of 1930 — April 21;
Class of 1935 — April 23;
Class of 1952, Sr. — May 22;
Class of 1950 — June 18;
Class of 1955 — July 7.

HOBBIES

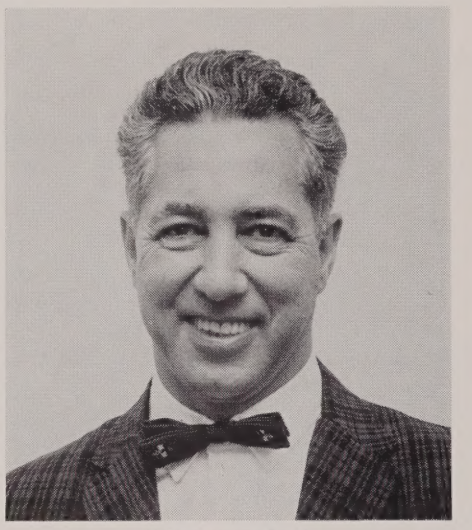
Friends who have not seen him for a while often open a conversation with Mr. Lloyd R. Bilton, Steward in the Dietary Department, with "What are you building this year?" The question is apt, for Mr. Bilton always has an interesting answer. In the past it has included cabinets, benches, desks, upholstered cedar chests, and tanks for tropical fish ranging in size from 12 to 96 gallons. For the past few years it has been boats.

He started six years ago when his daughters, Mary Virginia, Jacqueline and Carol became interested in boats. Having worked as a ship fitter at the Fore River Ship Yard in Quincy during World War II and having creative ability as well as initiative, he was able to design and build a 16-foot speedboat. This is used every summer in Quincy Bay where he and his daughter Jacqueline teach friends how to waterski. They also take the boat out as far as 15 miles for deep sea fishing. His wife, Mary, does not accompany her family on these excursions as she is uncomfortable in a small boat on the high seas.

Two years ago the girls discovered sailing, so Mr. Bilton built a 12-foot sail boat. Mr. Bilton is working on a 22-foot cabin cruiser. Last winter he prefabricated the entire boat in his cellar Now it is at a boat yard in Quincy where he is working on it in hopes that it will be finished next spring.

Tropical fish are another of Mr. Bilton's hobbies. The collection has been cut down to 3000 fish in four 40 gallon tanks. At one time Mr. Bilton had 90 varieties of tropical fish in a special "fish room" in his home contained in many tanks, one of the 96 gallon size.

Mrs. Bilton refers to her husband's job as his biggest hobby. "He loves his work," she says, "and," she continues, "he also loves the boat. Sometimes he works on it until three in the morning." Mr. Bilton declares this kind of work to be very relaxing to him, as is that of raising tropical fish. He says, "I know of nothing that tempers and relaxes a person as much as a satisfying hobby."



LLOYD R. BILTON

WE WELCOME . . .

Recent full time employees at the New England Deaconess Hospital include MISS MARIE ANNETTE DUBE, chief telephone operator in Administrative Services . . . MISS CLAIRE A. PATCHIN, PAUL R. SING and MISS TERRY SLAYMAN in the Dietary Department . . . EARL F. BROWN in Maintenance . . . RAMON SENICES, Grounds . . . JOHN J. NAVIS, Housekeeping . . . MRS. MARY E. BERRIGAN, Intravenous Therapy . . . ERNESTO APONTE, Laundry . . . MISS CARLA S. CASSENS, Patient Services . . . and in Nursing, MISS CAROL A. LYNCH and MISS KAREN L. ORFF.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM ORGANIZED . . .

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essary equipment. Mr. W. Dean Holdeman, Personnel Director, has volunteered to umpire the first few games.

It began in jest when Mr. Russell Cooke, the Assistant Director of Maintenance accepted a challenge from the men's team to form a girls' team. Response was instantaneous. We have one team from the Nursing Department, one from Dietary and one from Laboratories. Others are in the offing.

The first game will be played June 17, or as soon as Mr. Cooke can arrange permission for use of a field, preferably in Brookline.

PATIENTS PRAISE

"May I express my warmest thanks for the continuous, courteous consideration I received during my stay. Everyone encountered was not only helpful but kindly and understanding and very willing to do everything possible to make me, and all the other patients, comfortable and as contented as possible. We all shared this warm feeling of Deaconess' kindness. The patients often mentioned, and stressed the really tender-loving-care we all found surrounding us at the hospital. Thank you, each and all, for your kindness!"

"POPS" A SUCCESS

The 1965 "Pops" Concert sponsored by the Friends of the Deaconess Hospital, Inc., took place on Friday, April 30 in Symphony Hall. The benefit netted more than $1600 which will be used for nursing scholarships at the New England Deaconess Hospital. Mrs. David P. Boyd was chairman of the annual event and Mrs. C. Cabell Bailey, treasurer.

NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL BOWLING LEAGUE

DIVISION A

Team No.	Pinfall to date Incl. Handicap	Pts.
*3—Colleran	45,293	139
5—Meek	43,945	136
4—Marotta	43,519	129
1—Fisher	45,074	115
2—Hennessey	43,522	102

High Singles, May 6

C. Fisher	123
R. Chute	115

High Singles for Year

*J Curtis	137
*E. Clapp	118

High Three-String for Year

*J. Curtis	351
*S. Meek	308

High Average for Year

*S. Marotta	95
*S. Meek	93

*Trophy Winners

DIVISION B

Team No.	Pinfall to date Incl. Handicap	Pts.
*8—Fippin	45,500	134
6—Ryan	45,544	132
7—Lee	45,314	127
9—Weeden	45,161	121
10—Shapiro	44,447	87

High Singles, May 6

D. Sullivan	115
S. Baldwin	112
J. Fritsch	112

High Singles for Year

*R. Marci	124
*L. Gillis	132

High Three-String for Year

*R. Marci	325
*B. Weeden	311

High Average for Year

*R. Marci	92
*B. Weeden	91

DIVISION C

Team No.	Pinfall to date Incl. Handicap	Pts.
*13—Winslow	45,555	131
16—Kimber	45,624	126
15—Emery	44,991	117
12—Schraub	45,030	116
11—Mazza	45,445	114
14—MacLean	44,380	96

High Singles, May 6

C. Schraub	118
J. Bouley	114

High Singles for Year

*R. Bentley	149
*J. Bouley	141

High Three-String for Year

*C. Schraub	349
*J. Bouley	315

High Average for Year

*C. Schraub	101
*J. Kimber	86